

## **DEFINITIONS: (Iowa Code Chapter 321L.1)**

"Person with a disability" means a person with a disability that limits or impairs the person's ability to walk. A person shall be considered a person with a disability for purposes of this chapter under the following circumstances:

- a. The person cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest.
- b. The person cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device.
- c. The person is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg on room air at rest
- d. The person uses portable oxygen.
- e. The person has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as class III or class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association.
- f. The person is severely limited in the person's ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition.

**ISSUANCE OF A REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARD:** The applicant must be an Iowa resident. A person with a disability may obtain one additional removable windshield placard, either temporary or permanent. An organization which has a program for transporting persons with disabilities or elderly persons or a person in the business of transporting persons with disabilities or elderly persons may obtain a removable windshield placard for each vehicle used for transporting persons with disabilities or elderly persons.

**PARKING:** The permits (Plates, Stickers and Removable Windshield Placards) allow privileged parking of a motor vehicle in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities only when used by a person with a disability, an organization or person transporting persons with disabilities, and an owner of a vehicle whose child is a person with a disability.

**DISPLAY OF THE REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARD:** Hang it from the rear view mirror in the driver's compartment of the vehicle so that it is in view when looking through the windshield from the outside of the vehicle when the vehicle is parked in a space designated for persons with disabilities. If there is no rearview mirror in the vehicle, the removable windshield placard shall be displayed on the dashboard. The placard shall only be displayed when the motor vehicle is parked in a persons with disabilities parking space.

**RETURN OF PARKING PERMIT:** Return to a Driver License Examining station or the Iowa Department of Transportation, Office of Vehicle Services, Customer Service Section, 100 Euclid Avenue, P.O. Box 9278, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9278 or any law enforcement office within 10 days of the occurrence of any of the following:

- The person to whom the permit has been issued is deceased or has moved out of state.
- The person has found or has in his/her possession a permit that was not issued to that person.
- The permit has expired or has been revoked.
- The permit was reported lost or stolen and is later found or retrieved after a subsequent permit has been issued.

Special license plates shall be surrendered to the county treasurer's office where the vehicle is registered.

**SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES:** Iowa law provides for issuance of special plates to an owner of an automobile, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck or pickup who is a person with a disability. The law also allows a parent or guardian of a child with a disability as defined in section 321L.1, of the Code to apply for a special license plate upon proof of residency of the child. The "Application for Special Plates", Form 411063, shall be used when applying for personalized special license plates. Annually the applicant shall, at renewal time, provide a self certification stating the owner of the motor vehicle is still a person with a disability as defined in section 321L.1 of the Iowa Code.

**PROOF OF RESIDENCY:** This form certifies the child with a disability still resides with the parent or guardian who is applying for a special license plate. The certification must be filed at the time of application and each registration year thereafter.

**CONTIGUOUS STATE:** Iowa law allows a written statement from a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or chiropractor licensed to practice in a contiguous state. The contiguous states are: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota.

**WHEELCHAIR PARKING CONE:** Persons with disabilities who use wheelchairs are eligible for a wheelchair parking cone. A list of vendors, that have the cones, is available from the Department upon request. The warning cone shall only be displayed in conjunction with a parking permit when the motor vehicle is parked in a persons with disabilities parking space.

**PENALTIES:** A fraudulent application or physician's, chiropractor's, physician's assistant's or nurse practitioner's statement to obtain a persons with disabilities parking permit may result in a \$300 civil penalty and revocation of the permit. Improper use of a parking permit as defined in Iowa Code subsection 321L.4(2) may result in a criminal fine of \$100. Misuse of a parking permit as defined in Iowa Code section 321L.3 may result in a criminal fine of \$100.